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Divine Liturgy Schedule September 13, 2020

Saturday, September 12

9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America – **Angel & Sandy Ocasio**

6:00 PM

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Sunday, September 13

10:30 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Deceased Members of the Jennings & Melnyk Families-
Mark & Arlene Jennings

Monday, September 14

11:00 AM

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Special Intention- Lisa Placek

Saturday, September 19

6:00 PM

†Leo Koretz - Kooney & Koretz Families

Sunday, September 20

10:30 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopyak, Mary Hoolick At Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG.

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 13, 2020

TROPARION: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

TROPARION: O Lord, as You had shown from on high the splendor of the firmament, so did You show on earth the splendor of the dwelling place of Your holy glory. Make it stand firm for ever and ever and accept the supplications which we offer unceasingly to You through Your Mother. O Lord, You are the Life and Resurrection of all of us.

TROPARION: We offer You the Life-giving Cross, O Lord, as a means of intercession, and as a sign of Your bounty which You have given to us in spite of our unworthiness. Save our country and Your people who offer You their supplications through Your Mother, for You alone are the Lover of Mankind.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: Today we see the saving Tree which blossomed from earthy seed. It is lifted up in the Church by the hands of the bishop. The universe adores and greets It with awe. Save us by It, O Lord.

PROKEIMENON: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. *verse:* Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18):

Brethren see what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what

counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule-to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). I have exalted one chosen from the people and with my holy oil anointed him. Alleluia (3). verse: My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of John 3:13-17



The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven except him who has descended from heaven: The Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in him may not perish, but have life everlasting.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send his Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

At that time one of the doctors of the Law, putting Jesus to the test, asked him, “Master, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus said to him, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “David’s.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord: Sit you at my right hand till I make thy enemies thy footstool? If David, therefore, calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one could answer him a word; neither did anyone dare from that day forth to ask him any more questions.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. -Isiah 4:46

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYERS: Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Mrs. Irene Hvozda who is currently at John Heinz Rehabilitation Center. We wish her a speedy recovery!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A Very Happy Belated Birthday to Lisa Placek who celebrated her Birthday on Wednesday, September 9th! Mnohaya Lita!! May God Grant Her & Her Family Many Happy Years!

PRAYERS: Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this “pandemic” and may once again be able to all worship together.



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS in the GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH:

In case you don't know what that title means, IC XC are abbreviations (in both Greek and Slavonic) for the name Jesus Christ. NIKA is a Greek verb that means “conquers” (perhaps “is victorious” is better, though not as grammatically accurate). Why am I giving you a lesson in Greek words and abbreviations? First of all, it will help you understand a few things you may see in the Eastern Christian tradition. On icons of Christ, you will always find somewhere the IC XC. If you look carefully when a Byzantine Catholic or Orthodox priest gives a blessing, you'll see (if they're doing it correctly) that they form the fingers of their right hand into the letters IC XC. So we always bless with the sign of the Cross and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Liturgy, the priest facing the people holds his hand so that the fingers make the letters IC XC and gives the cross to the faithful who then receive the cross. This is why from the priest's perspective during the blessing his hand goes to his left first but to the people facing him, to their right first [actually the Priest is asking God to give the people a blessing]. Here is the meaning, the priest presents the cross to the person and the person picks up, or takes up, their cross willingly. The cross is never imposed on a person, they take it up willingly.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray to You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (September 14)

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ. With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption. The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy". This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life. The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

Psalm 122- NIV- A Song of Ascents



I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my

family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

LIVE-STREAMING SCHEDULE (Local & Cathedral Listing)

Full List on Archeparchy Website.

**Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, Pa.**

On the weekend of August 23-30, 2020, we are on the regular Divine Liturgies schedule at the Cathedral: Saturday – 4:30pm (in English), Sunday – 9:00am (in English) and 10:30am (in Ukrainian). However, only Sunday’s Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral will be livestreamed. Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am (in Ukrainian) -- will be livestreamed via the Archeparchial and Cathedral Facebook page.

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Berwick, Pa.

Open for Public Services. The Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed on Saturday at 5:30 pm in English: Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am in English

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Ss-Cyril-Methodius-Ukrainian-Catholic-Church-1521830254764142/>

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Frackville, Pa.

The Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed this Sunday at 10:30 am.

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsukrainianchurchfrackville/>

St. Mary’s (Patronage) Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo, Pa.

Saturday 5 p.m. Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed. Sunday 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Ukrainian-Catholic-Church-Mcadoo-PA-1405436026338802/>

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Northampton, Pa.

The Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed Sunday at 9:00 am until further notice.

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/st.johnthebaptistnorthampton/>

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa.

The Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed Sunday at 10 am on Facebook and then uploaded to YouTube until further notice.

Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/PATRICKMARCINKOIII?fref=search&_tn_=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARAJdEfSt_2q4I9ENpwj955asc33ZTHZRswi45w1jNyXKQgRtbfooWuRBk3-3PI1MK4FktAXIjvolce

YouTube link: <https://stcyrils.weconnect.com>

Link to parish website: <https://stcyrils.weconnect.com>

SEPTEMBER CANDLES

The **Tetrapod Candles** are given by Anna Kutsup in loving memory of Mary Kressel.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski in loving memory of Mary & Joseph Englot.

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen for the Good Health of Irene Hvozda.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given for a Special Intention.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Helen Melnyk.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of September

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis for All The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candles on the Icon Table before the Theotokos** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory Peter & Anna Wrobel.